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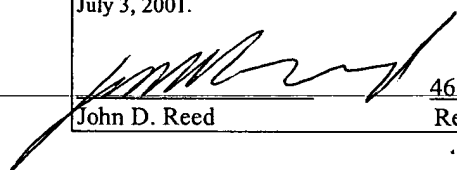
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicants : David R. Hembree et al.
Serial No. : 09/026,080
Filed : February 19, 1998
Title : A SPRING ELEMENT FOR USE IN AN
APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING TO A
SEMICONDUCTOR AND A METHOD OF
ATTACHING
Docket No. : MIO 0020 IA
Examiner : Roy Potter
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
BASED UPON A FAILURE TO PROSECUTE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181(a), the Applicants hereby petition for revival of the subject application. The Applicants learned of the abandonment from a Notice of Abandonment mailed June 26, 2001, and received by Applicants' counsel on June 29, 2001. The stated reason on the Notice was that no response had been filed to the aforementioned Office Action. No fee is believed to be required for this Petition.

In compliance with United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) rules, the undersigned states that:

- (1) An Office Action was originally mailed on November 22, 2000 to the Applicant's counsel.
- (2) The Applicants deposited a timely response to the Office Action in the United States mail, first class, to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents on January 25, 2001. The undersigned believes that this correspondence was in fact actually mailed to the USPTO on the date indicated because a post card

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receipt, date stamped January 30, 2001 by the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE), was returned by the USPTO to the undersigned. A copy of the response, as well as a copy of the post card receipt, is enclosed.

(3) The Applicants, having not received a communication from the USPTO since their January 25, 2001 response, sent a status inquiry on May 29, 2001. A copy of the status inquiry, as well as copy of the post card receipt, date stamped May 31, 2001 by OIPE, is enclosed.

(4) The Applicants received a Status Letter Reply on June 28, 2001, from the USPTO. A copy of the Reply is enclosed.

~~The Applicants do not know why the January 25, 2001 response did not reach the USPTO, or~~
why, if it did reach the USPTO, it was not matched up with the patent application file. In light of the Applicants' good faith effort to prosecute the present application, they respectfully petition that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. If any outstanding issues still need to be resolved, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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